

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to adopt the following DCYF rule:

NOTICE TO SUPERINTENDENT

This new rule, in compliance with the federal court order relating to RI Training School residents and the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association for Juvenile Training Schools and Juvenile Detention Facilities, provides that significant events or situations that threaten the safety or security of residents and/or staff of the RI Training School must be reported immediately to the Superintendent, the Administrator-on-Call and the Chief of Staff of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

In the development of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>) and the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or available in hard copy upon request (401 528-3685). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by April 5, 2010 Susan Bowler, Administrator for Families and Children, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Susan.Bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Notice to Superintendent

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families
Division of Juvenile Correctional Services: RI Training School

Policy: 1200.0702

Effective Date:

Version: 1

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Related Procedure

Notice to the Superintendent of Juvenile Correctional Services

Related Policy

DCYF Policy 1200.0827, Unusual Incidents

Notice to Superintendent

Procedure from Policy 1200.0702: Notice to Superintendent

- A. Staff immediately notifies the unit manager or Master Control Center.
- B. The unit manager or Master Control Center contacts the Superintendent or, in the Superintendent's absence, the Administrator-on-Call. The Administrator-on-Call ensures that the Superintendent is informed of the incident.
- C. The Superintendent or, in the Superintendent's absence, the Administrator-on-Call notifies the Chief of Staff.
- D. Incidents include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Injury to employees or residents which involves emergency treatment
 - 2. Death of residents or staff
 - 3. Runaways
 - 4. Any fights between individuals involving a weapon
 - 5. Fires
 - 6. Bomb scares that require evacuation
 - 7. Major property loss or damage
 - 8. Any behavior incident of a resident or group of residents that involves the assistance of State or Municipal Police
 - 9. Suicide attempts
- E. Staff document the incident in accordance with DCYF Policy 1200.0827, Unusual Incidents.